

Spring 2003

HSHM 215b/ HIST 240b PUBLIC HEALTH IN AMERICA 1793-2000

TBTh 9.30-10.20

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A lecture course surveying public health (broadly defined) in America from the yellow fever epidemic of 1793 to AIDS, breast cancer activism and bio-terrorism. With a focus on medicine and the state, topics will include quarantining and controlling disease, social welfare failures and successes, the experiences of healers and patients, and organized medicine and its critics.

Required Readings:

- * Gerald N. Grob The Deadly Truth: A History of Disease in America (Harvard University Press)
- * Allison L. Hepler Women in Labor: Mothers, Medicine, and Occupational Health in the United States 1890-1980 (Ohio State University Press)
- * Alan M. Kraut Silent Travelers: Germs, Genes and the "Immigrant Menace" (Johns Hopkins University Press)
- * Reading packet

Books are available at Book Haven, and on reserve at CCL.
The reading packet is at York Copy Center.

Course Requirements:

Midterm exam	20% Monday Feb 18
Research Paper (10 pages)	40% due Monday April 28 at 5 pm
Final exam	30% Monday May 12 at 2 pm
Class discussion	10%

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WEEK 1

Jan 14 Public Health: The Science of Good Intentions and the Art of Persuasion

Jan 16 Smallpox: Genocide and Biowarfare

WEEK 2

Jan 21 Bring Out Your Dead: Yellow Fever in Philadelphia, 1793

Jan 23 Slavery, Disease and Death

WEEK 3

Jan 28 Welfare and the Deserving Poor in 19th-Century America

Jan 30 Cholera, Immigrants and Sanitary Science

WEEK 4

Feb 4 Gangrene and Glory: The Civil War

Feb 6 Dirt, Plague and Professionalizing Public Health

WEEK 5

Feb 11 The Gospel of Germs

Feb 13 Fighting for Medical Freedom: the Anti-Vaccination Movement

WEEK 6

Feb 18 **MIDTERM**

Feb 20 Public Health in the Movies

WEEK 7

Feb 25 Fit to Breed: Eugenics and Mental Hygiene

Feb 27 The First Cocaine Epidemic
Guest lecture: David Musto, M.D.

WEEK 8

Mar 4 How Much for a Leg?: Workers and Industrial Hygiene

Mar 6 Exploring the Dangerous Trades: Alice Hamilton, M.D.

***SPRING BREAK* MARCH 8-23**

WEEK 11

Mar 25 The Germs of Laziness: Disease in the South

Mar 27 Mothers, Midwives and Child Hygiene

WEEK 12

Apr 1 Tuskegee: Research, Race and the USPHS
Guest lecture: Susan E. Lederer, Ph.D.

Apr 3 Polio, the March of Dimes and Celebrity Medicine

WEEK 13

Apr 8 Fallout: Environmental Poisons in the Cold War

Apr 10 Smoke and Dust: Epidemiology, Politics and Lung Cancer

WEEK 14

Apr 15 Health on the Reservation

Apr 17 Civil Rights and Health Care

WEEK 15

Apr 22 Women=s Health Activism: From the Speculum to the Pink Ribbon

Apr 24 Biowarfare, Health and Human Rights

* **RESEARCH PAPER** due Monday April 28 at 5 pm

FINAL EXAM Monday May 12 at 2 pm

WEEK 1

Jan 14 Public Health: The Science of Good Intentions and the Art of Persuasion

Jan 16 Smallpox: Genocide and Biowarfare

Readings:

Evans Why Are Some People Healthy and Others Not? (1994) extract in PACKET

Rosenberg AExplaining Epidemics@ (1992) in PACKET

Grob Deadly Truth Prologue, chp. 2, 70-74

Kraut Silent Travelers chp. 1

WEEK 2

** sections start meeting this week*

Jan 21 Bring Out Your Dead: Yellow Fever in Philadelphia, 1793

Jan 23 Slavery, Disease and Death

Readings:

Fett Working Cures (2002) extract in PACKET

Faust James Henry Hammond and the Old South (1982) extract in PACKET

Grob Deadly Truth 75-83, 101-108, 138-143

WEEK 3

Jan 28 Welfare and the Deserving Poor in 19th-Century America

Jan 30 Cholera, Immigrants and Sanitary Science

Readings:

Rosner AHealth Care for the >Truly Needy=@ (1982) in PACKET

Kraut Silent Travelers chp. 2

Grob Deadly Truth chps. 4, 5

WEEK 4

Feb 4 Gangrene and Glory: The Civil War

Feb 6 Dirt, Plague and Professionalizing Public Health

Readings:

Report of the Commission...for the Investigation of Plague in San Francisco (1901)
extract in PACKET

Fee "Public Health and the State: The United States" (1994) in PACKET

Kraut Silent Travelers chps. 3, 4

Grob Deadly Truth chp. 6

WEEK 5

Feb 11 The Gospel of Germs

Feb 13 Fighting for Medical Freedom: the Anti-Vaccination Movement

Readings:

Peebles Vaccination: A Curse and A Menace to Personal Liberty (1900) extract in
PACKET

Schamberg Vaccination and its Relation to Animal Experimentation (1909) extract in
PACKET

Leavitt "'Typhoid Mary' Strikes Back" (1992) in PACKET

Hepler Women in Labor chp. 1

WEEK 6

Feb 18 **MIDTERM**

Feb 20 Public Health in the Movies

Readings:

American Social Hygiene Association Social Hygiene Motion Pictures (n.d.) in PACKET

Smith Mental Hygiene: Classroom Films 1945-1970 (1999) extracts in PACKET

WEEK 7

Feb 25 Fit to Breed: Eugenics and Mental Hygiene

Feb 27 The First Cocaine Epidemic

Readings:

Edwards Premarital Examination Laws in Operation (1940) in PACKET

American Social Hygiene Association Suggestions [1942?] in PACKET

A Cocaine Defined as Social Menace (1900, 1901, 1914) in PACKET

Musto Drugs in America (2002) extract in PACKET

Kraut Silent Travelers chps. 8, 9.

WEEK 8

Mar 4 How Much for a Leg?: Workers and Industrial Hygiene

Mar 6 Exploring the Dangerous Trades: Alice Hamilton, M.D.

Readings:

Sicherman Alice Hamilton: A Life in Letters (1984) extracts in PACKET

Hepler Women in Labor chps. 2, 3, 5

Kraut Silent Travelers chps. 6, 7

Grob Deadly Truth chp. 7

SPRING BREAK

WEEK 11

Mar 25 The Germs of Laziness: Disease in the South

Mar 27 Mothers, Midwives and the State

Readings:

Coles A Mississippi Sharecropper (1971) in PACKET

Gordon A Putting Children First (1995) in PACKET

Grob Deadly Truth chp. 8

WEEK 12

Apr 1 Tuskegee: Research, Race and the USPHS

Apr 3 Polio, the March of Dimes and Celebrity Medicine

Readings:

Rivers et al A Twenty Years of Followup Experience (1953) in PACKET

Thomas & Quinn A The Tuskegee Syphilis Study, 1932 to 1972 (1991) in PACKET

Grob, Deadly Truth 186-192

WEEK 13

Apr 8 Fallout: Environmental Poisons in the Cold War

Apr 10 Smoke and Dust: Epidemiology, Politics and Lung Cancer

Readings:

A U.S. Tobacco Wars, 1950-1954, 1965-1996, 1971-1995 (1996) in PACKET

Brandt "The Cigarette, Risk and American Culture" (1990) in PACKET

Fox & Stone A Black Lung (1980) in PACKET

Hepler Women in Labor chp. 6

Grob Deadly Truth chp. 9

WEEK 14

Apr 15 Health on the Reservation

Apr 17 Civil Rights and Health Care

Readings:

Colorado Student Health Project (1968) extracts in PACKET

Kane & Kane Federal Health Care (With Reservations!) (1972) extracts in PACKET

Rogers A >Caution: The AMA May Be Dangerous To Your Health (2001) in PACKET

cont.

AChronology and Capsule@ (1984) in PACKET
Grob Deadly Truth chp. 10

WEEK 15

Apr 22 Women=s Health Activism: From the Speculum to the Pink Ribbon

Apr 24 Biowarfare, Health and Human Rights

Readings:

Wolfson AClenched Fist, Open Heart@ (1998) in PACKET

Gould & Connell AThe Public Health Effects of Biological Weapons@ (1997) in
PACKET

Hannibal & Lawrence AThe Health Professional as Human Rights Promoter@ (1999) in
PACKET

Hepler Women in Labor chp.7, Epilogue

Kraut Silent Travelers chp. 10

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